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In re Application of:	)	
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Serial No.: 10/598,528	)	
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FOR: <u>SAFETY DEVICE</u>	)	Confirmation No.: 6952

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the reference listed on the attached forms PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application. A copy of the non-patent literature document is attached herewith.

The Applicant believes the U.S. patent listed in PTO/SB/08a is equivalent to the Japanese reference listed in the Japanese Patent Office Action listed in PTO/SB/08b.

This information is being submitted subsequent to the Notice of Allowance in the application. Accordingly,

1.  X  The undersigned hereby certifies:

X  that each item of information contained in this statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

     that to the knowledge of the undersigned, after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this statement was known to any individual

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2.   X   A fee for \$180.00 is due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by initialing the attached forms PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b and returning a copy of the initialed forms.

Respectfully submitted,

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